



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE ISSUED: April 2, 2003 REPORT NO. 03-056

ATTENTION: Mayor and City Council
Agenda of April 7, 2003

SUBJECT: KIDDIE HALL, CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

SUMMARY

Issues:

1. Should the City Council approve funding for the Kiddie Hall outdoor restroom?

Managers Recommendation:

1. Approve the funding for the Kiddie Hall outdoor restroom.

Other Recommendations:

1. The Child Care Advisory Board concurs with the Manager's recommendation.

Fiscal Impact:

\$ 54,000 one time only, Water Department Fund 41500.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Diego opened the first City Employees Child Care Center in 1995, at the Metropolitan Wastewater Operations Center in Kearny Mesa (MOC II). That child care center serves 60 children ages 18 months through 5 years.

The Kiddie Hall, City Employees Child Care Center lease for 13,000 sq ft, at 600 B Street, third floor, was approved in 2001, and the design and permit process began. Demolition and construction started in April 2002. The interior of the facility and upper deck playground were completed for the ribbon cutting on November 13, 2002. The center opened for children on December 2, 2002 with a temporary license for 68 children, pending the completion of the downstairs park like playground, at which time the license will expand to 140 children.

DISCUSSION

The construction of the Kiddie Hall, City Employees Child Care Center downstairs playground is nearly complete. A large set of stairs and significant grading and dirt removal were necessary to accommodate the playground equipment and safe access.

An additional tenant improvement expenditure of \$54,000 for the outdoor restroom facility is required. The funding for this has been identified in the Water Department fund 41500.

There are over 50 City employees children currently enrolled in the Kiddie Hall child care center. Upon completion of the downstairs playground, the enrollment will be expanded to 140 children 0-6 years old. Plans are underway for a private kindergarten room to open in September. For more information contact Deb Ferrin, Child Care Coordinator at (619) 533-6511.

Respectfully submitted,

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